

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application.

Claims 1, 5-7, 9-15, and 18-20 remain pending in this application, with Claim 1, 14, and 20 being independent. Claim 20 is allowed. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 14.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5). Specifically, the Examiner requires that reference numeral 36 be included in the drawings. Accompanying this Amendment is a Request for Approval to Amend the Drawings, which attends to this matter.

Claims 1, 5-7, and 9-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that the use of the term “carriage” renders the claims indefinite. The drawings also stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because of the use of “carriage.” Applicant submits that those rejections and objection are moot in view of the removal of that term from the claims. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejections under § 112.

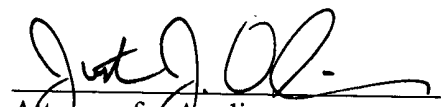
As brought to the attention of the Examiner during a telephone discussion prior to filing this Amendment, Applicant is removing the term carriage in favor of reciting that the film assembly, periscope, plurality of rollers, and motor are slidably secured to the lens to move on a track, along the light path. Applicant submits that the claims are allowable over the art of record for at least these features. In particular, Applicant notes that the previously cited Holloway patent, while showing the use of a lens and a continuous

film mounted on rollers, does not suggest or describe the movement of any of a film assembly, periscope, plurality of rollers, or motor along the light path.

In addition, the previously cited Hicks patent also fails to show the above-discussed features. In the device described in the Hicks patent, mirrors forming what the Examiner had previously referred to as a periscope move across light path (not along the light path), as shown in Figures 2a and 2b. In the embodiment shown in Figure 4a, mirrors in the light path may be tilted. However, that patent describes or suggests neither the movement of a periscope on a track along the light path, nor any movement along the light path of the film assembly, rollers, or motor. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are allowable over the art of record.

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